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yellow fever, with 110 new cases, and 80 new cases of smallpox, with 11 deaths.

June 1: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended May 29 there were in that city 10 cases and 3 deaths from yellow fever, and 4 cases and no death from smallpox.

May 31: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended May 29 there were in that city 24 new cases reported from yellow fever, and 17 cases 3 deaths from smallpox.

#### FRANCE.

##### *Typhoid fever in Marseilles.*

MARSEILLES, May 19, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that typhoid fever is very prevalent in Marseilles at this time. The first cases appeared about May 5, and the number has rapidly increased since that date. A prominent physician now estimates the number of cases at 1,000 in the city. There are 150 in one of the municipal hospitals, and 160 in the military hospital of the Marseilles garrison. There are so many sick among the soldiers that a great number are being taken by train to hospitals in the neighboring cities. I would add, however, that up to this date the fever has not been very virulent in form or fatal in results, though with the approach of warm weather the death rate will likely be greatly increased. The epidemic is attributed to impure drinking water, as the disease made its appearance simultaneously in every section of the city.

We have not considered it necessary so far to take any extra precautionary steps toward a more rigid enforcement of our quarantine laws and regulations, but will do so soon in the interest of public health at the seaports of the United States if the epidemic continues to spread or becomes more malignant in character.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,

CHAS. P. PRESSLY,

*Vice and Deputy Acting U. S. Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### JAPAN.

##### *Smallpox and plague.*

YOKOHAMA, May 13, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan for period May 1 to May 12, 1897, inclusive.

You will notice that 2 cases of cholera are included in the return. I think that these must be considered as of doubtful character on account of the localities from which they are reported, and from the fact that notwithstanding 1 occurred on the 5th and the other on the 7th, no second case is reported from these districts.

As regards smallpox, I am glad to be able to say that no case of or death by this disease has taken place in Yokohama and its suburbs during the past week, and that, as the epidemic is almost at an end in the